The brethren at Waterloo will hold a communion on the 17th or 18th.

Our young people will be on hand good and strong again next week.

Bro. A. D. Gnagey will be at Waterloo, Iowa, on the 12th, to remain about ten days.

The River Brethren held a large lovefeast west of this place last Saturday evening. Brethren of the Fraternity from many localities of Ohio were present.

Bro. R. F. Mallott came to Ashland with us from the communion at Fair Haven and went to his home at North Liberty, and on Saturday morning he left for Milford, Ind., and Lanark, Ill.

Bro. Holsinger came over from North Liberty, last Saturday and spent a few hours with us and then returned to serve the brethren there over Sunday. He expects to return and spend a day or two and then go to Pennsylvania.

We learn from a letter from brother Bashor, that brother Simon Mikesell, of Troy, Ohio, is visiting and preaching among the brethren at Waterloo, and he preaches with such ability that it has been decided that he ought to be in charge of a church instead of selling fruit trees.

Sister Hannah Blackburn resides at Fairburg, Jefferson Co., Neb., and if there are any brethren residing in that locality, they will confer a favor on brethren in Pennsylvania, by corresponding with her. She holds a certificate from the New Enterprise (Pa.,) church.

June 1.—The Brethren of Morrisons Cove will hold a lovefeast on the evening of the 11th inst.; preparatory services at 6 o'clock p. m. at the church near the Bloomfield Cross Roads. You are invited.

JOHN G. SNIDER.

Communion services in the Glade Run congregation, on the evening of June 25th, and also in the Brush Valley meeting house on the evening of the 29th of same month. Meetings to commence at 2 p. m. of same days. All of like precious faith are invited. J. B. WAMPLER.

The table published in this number, prepared by Bro. Frame, will give a fair idea of the work that is being done. It comprises the time between October 1st and the middle of March, five months and a half. In the reports of the work of the different speakers, the truth can only be approximated, as now and then additions were not reported in the paper. The preparation was quite a task, and as brother Frame had prepared it, it was far more so than it appears; but as it is, it will make an interesting study.

"TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE."—Sister Effie Emmert became the wife of Samuel C. Startsman, on Wednesday, May 26th, 1886. May their journey down life's stream be happy; may they find many a quiet harbor along the coast and finally reach the port of bliss eternal, is the wish of him who made them one.

J. D. MCFADEN.

DEAR BRO:—Please announce that the Brethren of Tiosa, Fulton Co., Ind., have appointed Thursday, June the 24, for their communion. We extend a general invitation to all who can to be with us upon the occasion.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—I see in your paper the name of Showalter mentioned very frequently, and I would like to know whether they are relatives of mine or not. It has been thirty years since I had any correspondence with relatives. My father's name was Andrew Showalter, he lived in Fredrick Co., Va., and left there 60 years ago. My grandfather's name was Jacob Showalter. My great-grand-father came from Germany with three sons, and each one of them raised a Jacob Showalter. They were nicknamed in order to tell then apart. My grand-father was known as Saucy Jake. If any of the Showalters, readers of your paper, can recognize me as a relative by the above description, I would like to hear from them.

Address,

JEREMIAH SHOWALTER.

Greenfield, Dade Co., Mo.

I notice in the EVANGELIST No. 21 Geo. A. Copp states that the gospel harness fits me better each day. This is truly encouraging when it comes from a man like Geo. A. Copp. For he knows when the harness does fit. But that is not all. When I have such a band of faithful soldiers as Bro. Geo. and many others who gather around me, and with their prayers and words of encouragement incite me on to deeper zeal, and with the Bible in their hands wave a minister on to victory, it is this that makes me stand firmer every time. I am called to storm the gates of hell.

JOHN W. LEEDY.

Tom's Brook, Va., June 1, '86.

On The Wing.

Left Ashland on the twenty-fifth of May for Glenford, Ohio. On the way could see the people busily improving or cultivating the soil. While passing through Ankneytown saw the Brethren church which they may well be proud of, as it is a neat and commodious building.

The remainder of the journey was through fertile fields and in deep ravines, then along a beautiful valley, until we arrived at our destination. On stepping to the platform, we confess feeling a little lonely, when no familiar face was to be seen. But did not have to wait long until Bro. Chas. Deffenbaugh drove up and we were soon on our way to the Bethel church, which is situated four or five miles south-west of the above named place.

After a pleasant drive we arrived at the home of Bro. Helser, where I met Bro. Cober for the first time. He had been holding a meeting; the immediate results were five baptized and among the number was Chas. Deffenbaugh, one of our College boys. He has entered a school where there is room for winning distinction. The meetings closed with the best of interest. Bro. Cober has watered and there is a bright future open for the brethren at this place. There is a little band of very zealous workers around him.

On Wednesday Bro. Holsinger came and remained until the coming Tuesday. The communion meeting was held on Friday evening; it was a very pleasant affair; there were some sixty communicants. Sabbath morning he preached in the grove that was near the church. Some people with very free grace can lock a door and not be at home when they have callers. Although the accommodations were poor, yet we had a very interesting meeting.

Bro. Cober and C. Deffenbaugh went to Penna. on the twenty-ninth, where they will visit for some time. We found Bro. Cober nicely situated and doing a good work. He has an excellent field in which to labor and by perseverance in time he will reap a glorious reward.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

Westmoreland County Items.

On Friday May 28th, I started for Bridgeport, this county, for the purpose of having a few meetings. Through the kindness of brother Jacob Myers, of this place, was helped on my way. Thanks brother Jacob for your kindness. Landed safely same evening, and during my stay at Bridgeport I made my home with brother Wm. F. Murray. Also dined with brother Loar and family a few times. Had meeting Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Bro. Weimer, German Baptist Minister attended our meeting Saturday eve. and closed the meeting for us. Thanks to brother Weimer for his courtesy. I was also very glad to meet brother and sister M. C. Myers of Mount Pleasant. Also sister Annie Myers of near Bridgeport. On Sunday afternoon I attended Sunday school in the Evangelical meeting house and in the evening attended church at the same place and listened to a sermon preached by the minister in charge.

On Monday brother Murray took me in his buggy a distance of seven miles to a place called Heckly. Here we found sister Gochnour, formerly of Conemaugh church, and her family, also sister Snitehurst, who manifested a great deal of love and respect for us. Sister Snitehurst is a sister of brother Murray's. We returned to Bridgeport in the evening, and on Tuesday afternoon brother Murray helped us home.

Thanks to all for kindness manifested and especially to brother Murray for a few dollars. I feel satisfied if nothing happens we will have something interesting to report from the above named neighborhood ere long. Our protracted meeting will commence tomorrow evening to continue over Whit Sunday, with communion on Whit Sunday evening. Hope we may have a good meeting. We look for brother Henry Wise, of Green Co., Pa., to be with us at our lovefeast.

STEPHEM HILDERBRAND.

Jones Millis, Pa.

No. 22.

Number 22 of B. E. is before me. It is a good number. Bro. Holsinger's sermon is No. 1. The "Semi Editorial" is no doubt true. "Poor" Holsinger, are you not a little too "tender hearted?" The sacrifices you make are great. I believe your crown in the kingdom will sparkle all the brighter for it. Don't get down too low. After clouds and storms, sunshine is the more cheering. I can sympathize with you.

O that I were rich; that College debt would soon be a thing of the past, and pastors, missionaries, with every other auxiliary would soon be on the boom. But then we can't tell so well what we would do until tried.

Perhaps if I were rich I would have a different disposition—be just as unwilling to give as some others are. Perhaps I would then enjoy table delicacies and general luxurious living (though it be unhealthy to body and spirit) better than the self-sacrificing religion of Jesus Christ.

"Will a man rob God?" is one of the great questions of the Bible.

If it be any comfort to you, my dear brother, to have company in your sacrifices, and sorrows because others do not what they should do, let me assure you that you have it. If it were not for hurting some of the readers of the EVANGELIST, I would say that some have inherited a disinclination to give for church work. I don't believe they are more stingy by nature than other folks are. Our raising has something to do with it. I console myself in the thought that the coming brother will be more liberal; the coming preacher more efficient; the coming college work more pleasant; and the coming B. E. larger; yea, even one of the largest, most spiritual, and best supported religious journals in the nation. We have the doctrine; now for the methods and means. I gaze into the future and look upon the kindly and reverent amusement of the coming writer and reader, as his face beams up with a smile while passing time in looking over the old soiled numbers of the *Progressive Christian* and BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and as every now and then, his eye will catch some of the awkward though, honest composition of the early, hardworking, selfsacrificing pioneers in the reformatory work of the so called Dunkard church. Why just think of it, Bro. Henry, first and foremost in point of ability, culture, daring and selfsacrifice will stand the name of H. R. Holsinger.

I started out as my heading indicates for a more general review of No. 22; but here I am with all the room I ought to occupy, full. It is all good.

Let us have a national convention. W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kansas.

P. S. Don't parley about a convention let us have one; it is necessary.

Turned Loose.

That is the way I was on Wednesday of last week. Sister Mary Myers, daughter of bro. H. K. Myers, who is interested in this paper, kindly consented to be "*master of ceremonies*", for a day, in the EVANGELIST office; so I dropped the office cares completely and with grandmother Markley went down to Fair Haven to attend the lovefeast. A few hours drive brought us to the hospitable home of brother B. F. Swinehart. After dinner his fish pond and a little boat became a temptation, and we went down and made our first attempt at "sailing o'er the sea." Oars were strange pieces of mechanism to us and we could not handle them effectually, and sister Markley and Swinehart seemed to enjoy the scene. However, we trusted Providence to keep us from stranding and "Bid farewell to every fear," and boldly ventured on.

There is a good lesson on Trusting in Providence, to be drawn from the act of a stranger sailing over strange waters. He cannot tell where the rocks and the sandbars are that might crush his vessel to pieces, and cause him to lose his life. He must trust to Providence to guide his vessel or cause him to steer it into safe channels. So it is in our spiritual journey. We may be able to discover where many dangers are, but there may be rocks of sin hidden beneath the surface which we are unable to see, and if we are not under the guidance of the good spirit, shipwreck would result. It is dangerous to trust to self to be guided in the path of righteousness. Well did the apostle say, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

The lovefeast was held in the evening, the 2nd instant, and a large audience witnessed the observance, and a good number of brethren participated. There were several young men among the number. It did us much good to see boys so young seated at the table, and participate in keeping the ordinances of the Lord, and to embrace their hands in fraternal greeting as brethren. The exercises were conducted orderly and the congregation showed due reverence.

This concluded a series of meetings lasting three weeks.

Wednesday night, in company with Bro. Mallott, we spent at the home of brother Miller, who resides near the church. Thursday afternoon found us in the harness as usual.

A. L. GARBER.

Brooklyn, Iowa.

The brethren of this place will have a communion on Sunday evening June 13th.

Brethren, why can we not have these meetings oftener? we think they tend to increase our love towards God and his holy ordinances; and they teach us to banish pride, to humble ourselves before God, and to be more affectionate to one another.

We organized a Sabbath school here three weeks ago and have good attendance.

Bro. John Myers, of Williamsburg, preached for us last Sunday. He is another one of God's servants who can shake hands with brother N. on the tobacco question.

Brother Parmer is still at his post, trying to keep sin from advancing upon us. May God bless him in his efforts.

H. L. CONNELL.

Sisters Band to Raise 1,000 for Ashland College.

Lydia Reuch $1.00	Mary E. Moore $1.00
Emeline Ellis 5.00	Mary P. Replogle 1.00

The census of 1881 showed that there were in Ireland 3,951,888 Roman Catholics, 635,670 Episcopalians, 485,503 Presbyterians, 47,669 Methodists.

The number of Christians in Japan from 1882 to 1884 increased from 5,000 to 10,000, and the government is favorable to the change. Persecution has been entirely done away and Christianity is advocated by the Japanese press.